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# The Brackett News

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"If a man had half as much insight, as he has hindsight, he would have twice as much foresight."

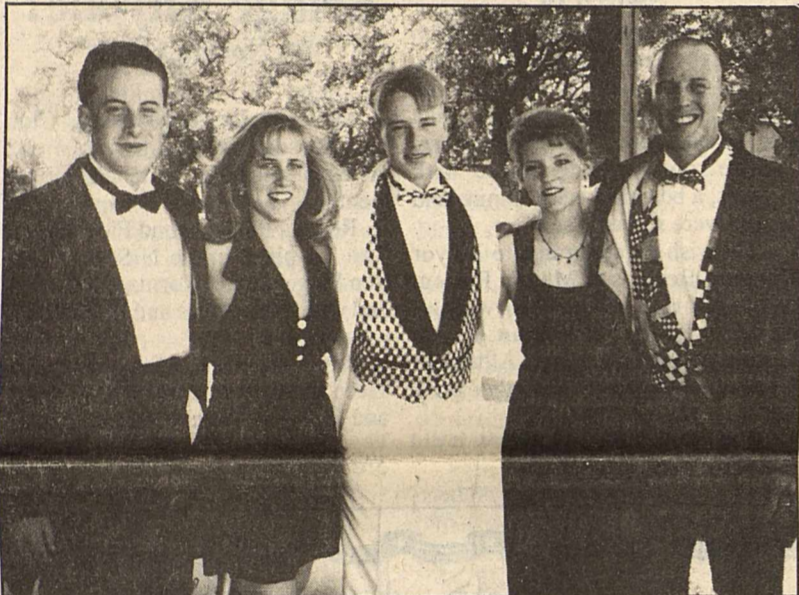
## Local U.S. Border Patrol Bust

At approximately 1:00 A.M. on the morning of May 9, 1996 the local Border Patrol forces observed 15 subjects carrying large bundles. These suspects were seen 22 miles north of the Eagle Pass Port of Entry, near the town of Quemado, with the aid of night vision equipment.

### Early Morning Bust Yields 1,296 pounds of Marijuana

When the U.S. Border Patrol agents confronted the suspects, 8 of them dropped their bundles and managed to escape. Seven undocumented immigrants were apprehended and charged with illegal possession of 1,296 pounds of marijuana. The total value of the 64 seized brick-sized packets is estimated to be \$1,036,800. The seized marijuana was turned over to DEA agents.

All of the apprehended individuals are believed to be Mexican nationals.



## 1996 Junior Senior Prom

Left To Right: David Melancon, Amber Davis, Jared Shahan, Katie Hall, and Brian Hooker prepare for a fun night on the town at the Brackett High School Jr., Sr. prom.

## Armed Forces Day Schedule

LAUGHLIN AIR FORCE BASE, Texas -- Laughlin AFB hosts Armed Forces Day 1996 Saturday at Plaza Del Sol Mall.

President Harry S. Truman proclaimed the third Saturday in May as Armed Forces Day 48 years ago, emphasizing the unity and common purpose shared by the different branches of America's armed services. The theme for this year's Armed Forces Day is "America's Armed Forces - Pillars of Freedom."

Armed Forces Day kicks off with the opening ceremonies inside the mall at 10 a.m. Displays and demonstrations run through 4 p.m. The opening ceremony, with the combined Laughlin AFB and San Felipe Honor Guards presenting the colors, includes an enlistment for new Air Force recruits and announcement of the winners of the Mall sponsored essay and art contests.

The contests for school district children have three categories: grades 1 to 4, 5 to 8 and 9 to 12. The theme for the contests was "What Freedom

Means To Me."

Displays both outside and inside the mall include security police weapons, crime prevention and the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program; weather equipment; children fingerprinting; fire equipment and the fire training; a jet engine; the Laughlin Honor Guard; 47th Logistics Squadron; the 47th Medical Group; Physiological Training; life support; disaster preparedness; civil engineer equipment; the 47th Mission Support Squadron; the Laughlin Heritage Foundation; recruiters from the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine Corps and Air Force Reserves; American Red Cross; National Park Service; San Felipe Honor Guard and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8552.

Demonstrations include military working dogs at 11 a.m. and noon, aircraft ejection seat at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. and martial arts at 2 p.m.

For more information about the schedule of events for Armed Forces Day 1996, contact the Laughlin Public Affairs Office at (210) 298-5988.

## "90 Miles on Highway 90"

The Best Little Information Book In Texas

The Kinney County Chamber of Commerce, led by Jack Schram, has taken on the task of the century. The Chamber is putting together an information book to be given away to new people throughout the 90 mile area.

The book will concentrate on the 90 miles from Uvalde to Del Rio and Ciudad Acuna. Chock full of fun facts, historical reports, basic information, tourist interests, and day trips the book will be "everything you need to know about the area".

The book is scheduled to be com-

pleted by the middle of June, so if you don't have your ad in THE BOOK yet, call Kathryn at 563-2828 or 563-2466. The first edition of "90 Miles on Highway 90" will be distributed for 18 months through December 1997, so get your business listed in the classified section.

Jack said he would like to thank the Chambers of Commerce of Uvalde and Del Rio, local historians and the individuals who have been so cooperative in the compiling of this book.

## SPRING BAND CONCERT

6th Grade and High School Bands

Thurs. May 16th  
7:00 PM  
In the Auditorium

See the State Soloists

Don't Miss This!



Nakai with some of the medals that have been presented to honor her for the work she has done with veterans.

## Nakai Breen Honored

Nakai Breen was honored at the April 14, 1996 Medicine Wheel. Captain Peter L. de la Cruz presented Nakai with his Bronze Star Medal. Captain de la Cruz earned the Bronze Star for his meritorious achievement in ground operations during the Vietnam war.

"On behalf of the many veterans you have helped, we wish to recognize your efforts.

Nakai, you are sister, mother, and grandmother in blood and spirit to veterans. We may have fought before knowing you, but we did not begin to live until we met you. We have no doubt that it was your prayers and good wishes that helped us through difficult times, and that the trials you faced in trying to help us were greater than the challenges we faced.

In serving our country, many of us returned to find that we were struggling with inner turmoil, emptiness, and darkness. You helped us to find the light above and the light within. And, you taught us that these were the same. We could again walk in the light and find the promise in life.

In opening your heart to us and bathing us in the warmth of your love and compassion, you have let those of us that have taken lives, know that we can live with honor, and cherish and protect life. Your personal actions are leadership by example. You have shown us how to continue with the work of the true warrior; it is the

art of peace.

Today, it is our honor to present you with this bronze star with oak leaf cluster. The bronze star is awarded for meritorious service against hostile forces. The oak leaf cluster means that the recipient has been decorated previously. You have fought long and hard against the hostile forces of darkness. You have earned this star many times.

You continue to serve our country with great honor, and in so doing honor your country and all of us. You have our love and thanks and admiration." signed by: Peter L. de la Cruz, Captain, U.S. Army (inactive)

There were 10 Indian veterans at the Medicine Wheel presentation. The veterans sang the honor song and the flag song in the Kiowa language.

This is the second Bronze Star to be given to Nakai; she also has a Bronze star given to her by Arthur Rosalez. Arthur Rosalez earned his Bronze Star in the Korean Conflict. Nakai also has her brother, Staff Sergeant Lawrence Hobbs' Korean Conflict POW award. Nakai's brother's POW award was presented to Nakai after her brother's death, 20 years after he earned the award in the Korean Conflict. Staff Sergeant Hobbs was a P.O.W. for 3 1/2 years. There is a plaque in the Eagle Pass library honoring Staff Sergeant Hobbs as the only P.O.W. in the Korean Conflict, from Eagle Pass.

## Piano Concert Sunday At 3:00 P.M.

It's Concert time at the Cavalry Room at Fort Clark Springs. For those unfamiliar with the room, it's the second floor of the Fort Clark Springs Restaurant. The concert is scheduled for 3:00 PM on Sunday, May 19. It's the last concert of the season to be sponsored by the Kinney County Arts Council and the FCS Community Council.

The concert will include compositions by these classical composers to be played by Silvana and Silvia Suarez Santinelli who are from Piedras Negras:

Domenico Scarlatti  
W.A. Mozart  
L.V. Beethoven  
Frederic Chopin  
Maurice Ravel  
S. Rachmaninoff

Their teacher, Valeri Grokhovski, will play improvisation on standard jazz tunes.

A new baby grand piano given to FCS by the Community Council will be the instrument of choice on May 19. It's rich tones and sonorous beauty will get a full workout by our visiting pianists.

The ladies have played, studied and have won competitions in this country as well as in Canada, Switzerland, Russia and Mexico. Professor Grokhovski has published Jazz Improvisation for Piano and was winner of the 1985 International Jazz Festival in Talinin and the 1989 National Competition for piano in the former Soviet Union.

The public is encouraged to attend this fine concert. It will be one of the best for many years to come. Help the girls continue their travel and competition by attending this benefit concert, Sunday, May 19 at 3:00 PM

## Former San Francisco 49'er Speaker at Awards Banquet

Bruce Collie will be in Brackettville for the BISD High School All Sports Awards Banquet on May 23rd. The Awards Banquet will be in the High School Cafeteria.

Bruce played for the San Francisco 49ers from 1985 to 1989, after being the 5th round draft pick in the 1985 NFL College draft. While playing for the 49ers, Bruce received 2 Super Bowl rings, Super Bowl XXIII and Super Bowl XXIV.

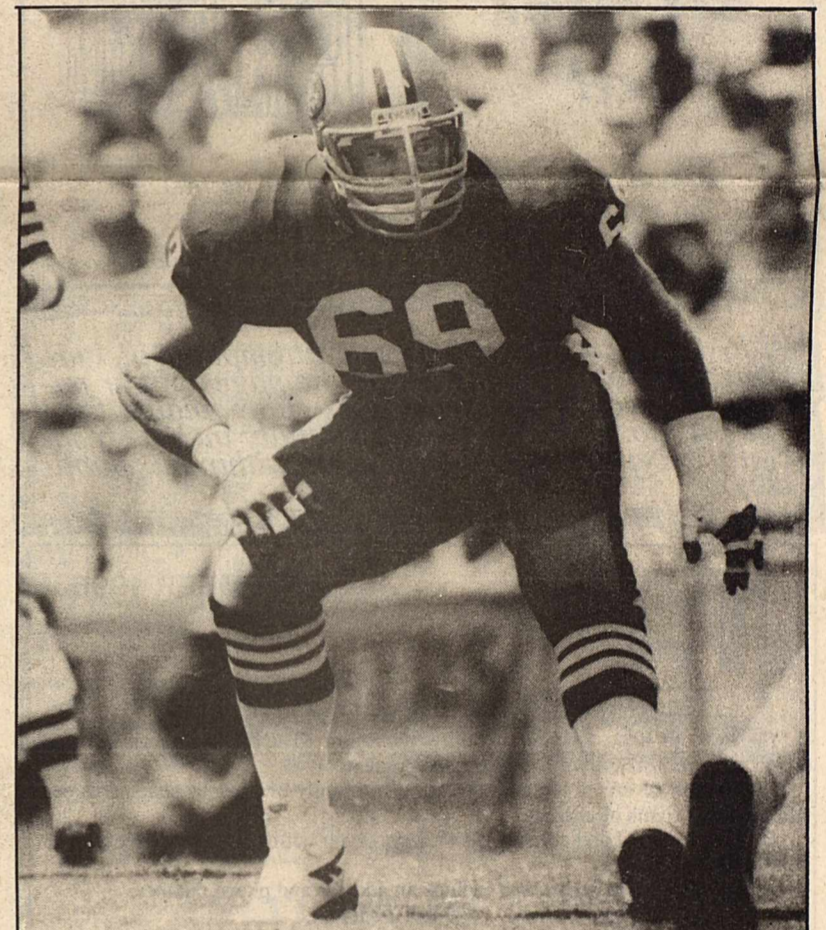
Collie attended the University of Texas at Arlington from 1980 to 1985 where he was chosen three times to 1st team All Southland Conference and Kodak All American IAA 1st team in 1984.

Bruce grew up in San Antonio, TX, where his family moved when

he was 3 years old. He and his wife have 3 children and live in Wimberley, TX. After retiring from professional football at the end of the 1992 season Bruce and his wife opened a restoration Ranch, a Youth/Parent Christian Sports Camp and a Bed & Breakfast in Wimberley.

Bruce is a private pilot with Commercial Instrument pilot privileges and is completing an Instruction rating as well. He and his wife Holly own a Cessna 210 airplane, which they use to travel. They would like to use these resources for ministry in Mexico and Central America.

It is a very special treat to have Bruce Collie speak to our athletes. Thanks to Coach Rokovich for his effort in making this possible.



BRUCE COLLIE

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

## Vision Quest To Visit

By Frances McMaster  
Contributing Writer

On May second Brackettville Rotary heard Greg Smith, Chief Program Director of Vision Quest speak about this remarkable part of the juvenile justice system. It is an alternative to juvenile incarceration. Founded in 1973, it is designed to help youthful multiple offenders develop a sense of responsibility for themselves and others. These youngsters have committed crimes such as auto theft, truancy or drug related incidences. No one is put into this program who has committed a premeditated crime against people. Most of them are city children who were caught up in an environment that fostered criminal activities. In all probability, youths from such environments would not live past the age of 21. By introducing them to a different way of life, Vision Quest teaches

them to believe in their own survival and helps them develop skills that will give them a chance to succeed in life and with their own families.

The youngsters learn discipline, respect for others, and how to communicate in an effective way. They are taught how to deal with problems and to redirect energy toward positive goals. A number of different programs exist within Vision Quest: impact camps, wagon trains, sailing and biking expeditions, group homes, at-home treatment and individualized educational learning programs.

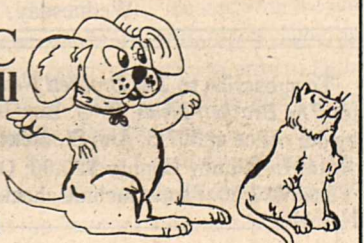
The Buffalo Soldier Program reenacts the historic Buffalo Soldiers with a contemporary theme. They are "Soldiers of Peace", and are taught the history of the cavalry units of the Army and of other African American heroes. The youngsters who used to battle to survive in a crime infested environment are re-

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## RABIES CLINIC Brackettville City Hall

Saturday May 18, 1996  
9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon

City Permit (for residents of Brackettville)	\$1.00
Rabies Shot	\$6.00
Parvo/Distemper Shot (optional)	\$16.00



Brackett News Community Service Ad

## From Your Local Game Warden

By Henry Lutz  
Kinney County, Game Warden

In addition to the Rattlesnake, another pit viper found in Texas is the copperhead. There are three kinds of copperheads found in Texas but only one kind has been documented in this area, namely the Broad-Banded Copperhead.

Copperheads are much smaller and more slender than the closely related cottonmouth, and because they have proportionately smaller fangs and less venom they are not as dangerous to man. The 3 copperheads resemble one another in having the same general pattern of chestnut or reddish-brown crossbands on a lighter body color. Differences among the three Texas subspecies are based mostly on size and shape of the crossbands and in the degree of marking on the belly.

Copperheads are most common in the rocky areas of hilly country as well as in the wooded bottomlands. They are rarely seen in dry, cactus country. Although spending most of their time on the ground, copperheads occasionally climb bushes and low trees in search of food. Along the Colorado River near Wharton, they were observed high in trees, crawling along the wild grape vines that clung to the tree trunks and draped over the lower tree limbs.

Copperheads do most of their feeding at night. During the spring in some parts of the state they tend to be found in moderate numbers along

streams and in other moist places where they spend most of the day hidden beneath decaying logs and other debris which affords good cover. They can also be expected to move about when air temperatures are high and when the soil and vegetation are wet from a recent rain. (If they waited long for that combination around here, they would all be dead). Not quick to seek cover when approached, copperheads prefer to lie perfectly still until an intruder passes. If disturbed, they sometimes vibrate the tail, and if among dry leaves produce a buzzing sound not unlike that made by a rattlesnake. They are quick to strike at an annoying object, often biting several times in rapid succession.

Because of their short fangs and small size, copperheads rarely deliver a fatal bite. In spite of this, it must be remembered that the copperhead is potentially a dangerous snake, especially when the bite involves a child or even a small pet.

The Broad-banded Copperhead has very broad, straight-edged crossbands making it easy to distinguish it from other copperheads. The dark reddish-brown colored crossbands contrast strongly with the lighter body color while the belly is of almost the same shade as the bands. The tail is tipped with yellowish-green, more pronounced in the young than in adults.

Snakes of this subspecies probably reach a length of three feet, but most adults are about 2 feet long. The young average 5 or 6 to a brood.

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directed to respond with enthusiasm to an honorable challenge. They earn (by good behavior and hard work) a chance to take part in Quests such as horseback riding trips, precision drill work, performances at community functions and by learning historic accomplishments of ethnic and minority groups and individuals.

Using the court's recommendation and evaluation, these youths are sent to one of the Impact Programs. They must take part in it for a full year. They go to school 5 days a week and are asked to commit to and complete at least three Quests and to refrain from the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco and sex.

These youngsters also take part in public service activities. For instance, they helped clean up after Hurricane Hugo devastated St. Croix. They not only learned a great deal from this opportunity to help others but their service brought them national recognition.

Vision Quest will be camping at Fort Clark this coming weekend as they take part in a trail ride. When you see their members, they'll address you with respect for they have learned discipline by Army-like training. They have accomplished and will accomplish a lot in terms of becoming a worthwhile person -- someone who has salvaged an endangered life. One has to respect the hard work and effort that has gone into this process. Not only do these youngsters deserve credit, but the staff that teaches, disciplines, nurtures, and plays role models for them deserve our praise and thanks. Rotary salutes Vision Quest and its modern day Buffalo Soldiers.

## Unsung Hero

A couple moved to Brackettville a few years ago and went into business. They soon gained much respect because of the quality of their work and the consideration they gave to their customers. Their business grew until they were soon on a treadmill of constant demand. He was capable and efficient in his work. She was capable and efficient in her part of the business.

Finally they reached the place where they cried "Enough" and threw in the towel. They sold their business. They like Brackettville and have bought a place to build their home and live here. They have been a fine addition to our community and we are all fortunate they have elected to stay.

Surely Bob and Virginia Yastic are Unsung Heroes.

## United Aerial Mapping, Inc.

The Middle Rio Grande Development Council is implementing an enhanced E911 system for Kinney County. One of the critical phases of the project involves the preparation of road and street maps that identify each structure and its driveway.

United Aerial Mapping, Inc. of San Antonio has acquired aerial photography covering Kinney County and developed centerline maps that include structures visible on the photography. Over the next few weeks field crews from UAM will be traveling the roads to verify driveway and structure locations. Vehicles used by the field crews will be clearly identified with the following "sign":

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MAPPING PROGRAM  
United Aerial Mapping, Inc.  
San Antonio, Texas

Each member of the field crew will also display picture identification on his or her shirt pocket.

Upon completion of the project the maps will be provided to the various law enforcement, fire and emergency medical service agencies to aid in responding to 911 calls.

## For Pete's Sake

*They reached the gate in silence  
He lifted down the bars;  
They walked the lane together  
The sky was bright with stars.  
She raised her brown eyes to him;  
There's nothing between them now,  
For he was just a farmer's son  
And she was a jersey cow.*

A local concern hired an efficiency expert a while back, hoping they could find out how to cut costs and therefore make more profits.

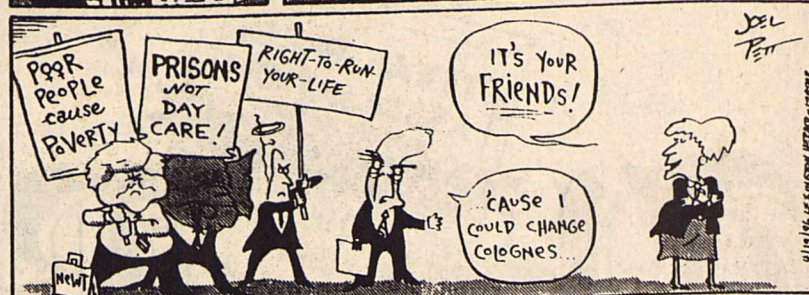
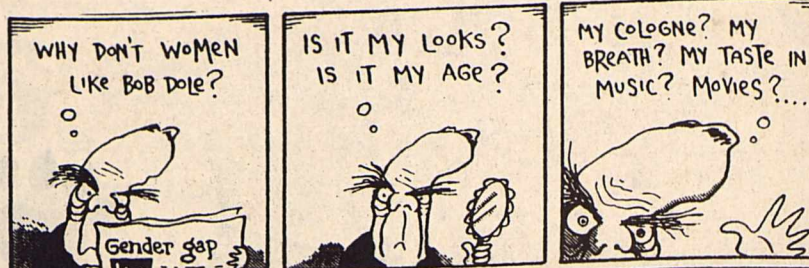
But when the firm mailed the check for services rendered, the efficiency expert noticed that it was one cent short. A stickler for detail, he called his client and insisted that the difference be paid.

"You expect me to cut another check for one cent?" The local businessman thundered. "That's ridiculous."

But the efficiency whiz insisted, so the businessman complied.

When the "expert" took the check to his bank, the teller carefully studied the check, and then leaned forward and whispered confidentially,

"How would you like it, heads or tails?"



## Between Us

by Joe Townsend



Recently I was on an emergency run to the hospital in Del Rio. I was just this side of Laughlin when a tire blew out. It was close to dark. I pulled on the shoulder and put on my emergency flashers. It was the tire on the inside rear which meant it was risky to change because of on coming traffic which was heavy. I took out my spare and jack and went to work. When I had the car high enough I started loosening the lug nuts when an east bound Suburban wheeled around and came up to me. Two men got out and said, "Let us help you." One of the men took the lug wrench from my hand and proceeded to change the tire. They had no idea what a relief it was to me. They were in uniform and told me they were working "stand by" at the Air Base at Spofford. For busy

people to take time to help a stranger sends a plethora of messages. It shows a tremendous attitude. Seeing an opportunity to help someone in need bespeaks a tremendous spirit. I had never met these men and don't even remember their names but I will forever remember their kindness. What goes around comes around and I'm sure our Heavenly Father will see these fine men are amply rewarded. This also speaks highly of the profession they are a part of.

The high service character demonstrated by these men has more and more become typical of military personnel.

Their willingness to serve their nation boils over into every facet of life. Thank gentlemen; your kindness will be long remembered.

## Spofford Mayor and Council Sworn In

Tuesday, May 14th the Spofford governing body was sworn in. Judge Alvin Hall performed the ceremony in the Kinney County Court Room. Sworn in were, Mayor J.B. Herndon, Council at Large; Tootsie

Herndon, Joe Cruz, Esther Cruz, Bob Champion, and Jerry Guidry.

We wish you much success in your new term of office.

(I apologize for the picture, it did not come out)

**Big Mama Sez!**

A man's life consists not of what he has, but what he is.

PLEASE REMEMBER that we attempt to include something for everyone within the pages of our paper. We realize that some folks enjoy finding fault and for those readers we thoughtfully include a socially acceptable number of errors within our publication.

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Francis Henry French was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on September 27, 1857. Deeply impressed from his youth by the stirring deeds and stories told by veterans of the Civil War, he realized his ambition for a military career by entering the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York where he graduated twelfth from the Class of 1879. He was assigned as 2nd Lieut of "E" Company 19th Infantry and came West. Following service at Fort Garland, Colorado Territory and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, the regiment moved to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas where Lt. French was detailed as the Regimental Adjutant. In December of 1882 the 19th Infantry was posted to Fort Clark.

At Fort Clark, on January 1, 1883, Lt. French began diaries which he faithfully maintained for the next thirty years.

May 1884: Lt French has been posted to Fort Brown at Brownsville, Texas. His is responsible for target practice and is living with Dr. William Crawford Gorgas (later Surgeon General of the United States Army). He visits Matamoros for Cinco De Mayo and fires the 21 gun salute for the post. On other visits he smuggles bottles of perfume back into the United States. Gorgas becomes sick and the married officers' wives continue to provide comfort for the bachelor French. Military duties concentrate on construction of the rifle range and an "experimental march" which takes Lt French on an 86 mile trek making him footsore and weary. Finances, ladies, socializing and his mail are the focus of his existence.

Monday, May 12 1884

Marched on Officer of the Day this morning and then went out on the range and worked until ten o'clock. Came in then to receive Mr. Kiers, Chaplain & Capt. Bradford, who called. Worked on range in afternoon. At dinner, Mollie the cook, said that she had spoken to Mrs. Happersett about some sheets & pillow cases that I asked Mollie to get for me. Mrs. Happersett went down town & bought the material & was going to make it up for me. Am very sorry that Mrs. Happersett goes to this trouble, especially as she is so soon to leave. She is a genuinely, good woman, and if there were more like her in the Army it would be better for all, for her house is always open and a bachelor feels at home there. I am very sorry they are to leave so soon. The Doctor seems better disposed toward me, which pleases me very much. Before retreat called on Crowder & spent quite a while there with him & Hennisee. In the evening sang

**FOOTSTEPS ECHO**

The Fort Clark Diaries and Letters of  
Major General Francis Henry French

Courtesy of his descendants

songs with Miss McWatty & Crowder at Happersett's. After tattoo, Dr. & Mrs. Happersett, Scott & Miss McWatty, Crowder & Miss Valls, I & Mrs. McWatty made a short call on Gorgas who seemed livelier than in the morning. Afterwards stayed at Happersett's until 10-30 o'clock, Miss Valls & Crowder being there also. Had a very enjoyable call. Thanked Mrs. Happersett for what she had done about those bed clothes, but she would not permit me to take them to a sewing woman. Inspected the guard & turned in about 11 o'clock. No mail this evening.

Tuesday, May 13 1884

Started to work on range but had to stop for target practice. In afternoon completed clearing brush off of range. Marched off guard this morning. Mrs. Happersett sent over the sheets and pillow cases and very nice ones they are too. Went down town after dinner & bought some indelible ink and marked them. In evening called to thank Mrs. Happersett. Then down town on Mrs. Woodhouse, Miss Michel & her sister Mrs. Moon, wife [of] Moon 20th Inf'y. Sat for a while at McWatty's and then went with Crowder to Gardener's to play whist. Gardener & I were beaten by Mrs. G. and

Wednesday, May 14 1884

Went out on target range to have it inspected by Bradford & Hennisee who seemed well pleased with it. Sat on a court. Then called to see Gorgas who is now staying next door to Happersett's and seems to be improving slowly. Attended target practice & then wrote letter home and one to Mother about a wedding present for Sue. After dinner spent a short time with Gorgas & then got my mail of five letters, one from home, from Marie, Shunk, George and Miss Smart. Shunk's affair with Miss Lee seems to be ended. Afterwards played whist at Gardener's, Mrs.

Thursday, May 15 1884

Liscum, Bradford & Mrs. B. being the others invited. Enjoyed the evening. Had refreshments about 10 o'clock. Escorted Mrs. Liscum home.

Friday May 16 1884

Mrs. Happersett is better and was able to sit up for a while today. Saw her this evening before retreat at her house & had a chat with her. Gorgas is coming ahead slowly but surely. Was very much annoyed to learn from Scott that rumors were out up the river that we have yellow fever in Brown. Scott is getting frightened and wants to leave. Hope Mother wont hear this as it will give her unnecessary worry. Went out to target practice this morning and for a short time in the evening. Marched on guard this morning. Very close and sultry all day. Submitted proceedings of Board of Survey this morning after taking them up for Hennisee to sign. In the evening called at Chaplain's until tattoo & had a very pleasant chat. Miss Jenny was not at home. After tattoo spent rest of evening at Bradford's. Inspected guard about 11 P.M. Wrote to Lizzie Hoagland & to Abbott, sending lat-

## Brackettville City Council Sworn In

In a ceremony on Friday May 10th the Mayor and Brackettville City Council were sworn in for two more years. City manager, David Luna performed the swearing in procedure.

The room was decorated with flowers, a beautiful cake, donuts and coffee were served also.

We wish to congratulate Mayor Carmen Berlanga, Mayor Protem Mary Flores, New Alderwoman Tencha Pena, Alderman Ralph Gonzalez, and Relected Alderman Charles Bushart. Have another great term!

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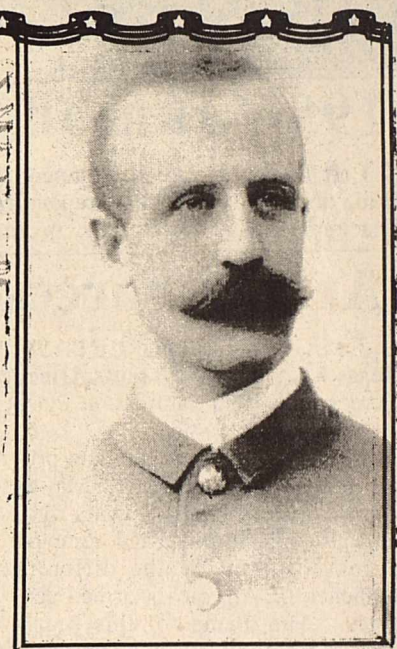
## Bridge Anyone?

By Norma Gould

The FCS Duplicate Bridge Club met Tuesday, May 7th with 5 1/2 tables playing the Mitchell Movement.

Rozetta Pingnot and Flo Stafford won 1st place in the N/S direction. Ben Pingnot and Norma Gould won 2nd with Walt Geeze and Doc Harber winning 3rd.

Arnie and Gertie Trautwein won 1st in the E/W direction. Ray Kurtz and Evelyn Whitely won 2nd with Peggy Stock and Betty Fitch winning 3rd.



ter account of my life since graduation for the class history.

Saturday, May 17 1884

Marched off guard this morning and then went out to target practice. Am improving in this, but there is great room for improvement. Went over to Matamoros about one o'clock after spending a few minutes at Mrs. Happersett's. Got a new pair of uniform pantaloons and a piece of music there. Went to Consul General's office, (Mr. Sutton's) where he courteously showed me his collection of canes, coins, medals, pottery & other Mexican curios. Was very much interested in collection. Wore new trousers & carried old ones in my hand without any questions being asked by customs inspector. Took retreat for Crowder. Attended choir practice as usual. Went down town for a few minutes & then over to Mrs. Happersett's, playing whist there for a short time with Dr. Gorgas against Mrs. H. & Hennisee. After tattoo Miss Mamie & I, and Miss McWatty & Crowder went up to a ball given by the men at the Artillery barracks. First time I have been there since coming back. Was forcibly reminded of old times. Walked around for a while & then came back in the ambulance before dancing commenced as Miss Mamie felt very tired. After escorting her home spent a short time with her and then came up with Scott who was calling on Miss Russell. Made an engagement to go to church tomorrow morning with Miss Mamie. Today is Marie's birthday. Sent her a card. Met on Board of Survey on account of deserters from "I" Troop this morning and examined a number of witnesses.

COUNTY AGENT NEWS

By Alan L. McWilliams



Choose Plants Adapted To Our Area

If you have visited a nursery lately, you may have seen a wide variety of trees, plants and shrubs available for sale.

Fruit trees are very popular with many homeowners but they require quite a bit of maintenance and extra care.

But not all trees require such a high degree of maintenance and care. For Texas, oak trees are hard to beat.

I have people in the office and on the telephone every year wanting to know what tree they can plant that will grow fast, produce nice shade and not have any insect or disease problems.

Below is a partial list of some recommended varieties of trees for this area.

- Small Trees
Texas Mountain Laurel
Texas Persimmon
Texas Redbud
Desert Willow
Mexican Plum
Mexican Buckeye
Medium Trees
Afghan Pine
Pinon Pine
Large Trees
Live Oak
Cedar Elm
Texas Red Oak
Bald Cypress

While we are on the subject of trees, there is another subject that is important to the homeowner — thinning.

to do. They often plant radishes and every seed seems to come up twice. Then when the radishes don't form normal size roots they wonder what happened.

Fruit is probably best thinned at blooming but since there's no real practical way to do that yet at least with stone fruits like peaches and plums, it just about has to be done by hand.

The earlier you can thin the better, so start as soon as you can. If you only have a few trees in the backyard it's easy enough to remove them by hand.

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Tigers Open Playoffs Friday Brackett Battles Marion At 7:00 In Uvalde

By J. J. Guidry Contributing Writer

After winning their second straight District 29-2A title, the Brackett Tigers are primed ready to open the state high school baseball playoffs.

The Tigers will battle the Marion Bulldogs in a 7:00 bidistrict contest Friday in Uvalde.

"We're excited to be in the playoffs," Brackett coach Gary Grubbs said. "This is what we've been shooting for all year long."

The Tigers are 20-6 on the season. They won the conference championship after posting a 9-1 league record.

"We've had an outstanding season," Grubbs said. "The one game we lost during district we could have won very easily."

Grubbs said he is happy Brackett is opening the playoffs in Uvalde, only 40 miles away.

"I think that's going to be a big advantage for us because our kids grew up playing senior league baseball there," he said.

"All of our kids have probably played at least 20 games on that field at one time or another, and as recently as last year for some of them."

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Answers to Super Crossword puzzle grid with clues and solutions.

Lions Roar

The following is a part of the annual report given by Lion President Ruben C. Martinez to all members of the Brackettville Lions Club.

This past year the Brackettville Lions Club has been very active in community activities. The Lions purchased two buildings in downtown Brackettville and established a Lions Thrift Shop in one of the buildings and hopefully, in the future, the attached building will be renovated and be used for Lions meetings.

The Thrift Shop has been well received by the community and has enabled our Club to sponsor many worthwhile projects. It has also been a sad year for us with the passing of Lions Carl LanCelle, Sidney Spohnholtz and Helen Lynch.

These Lions will be missed, but their contributions and dedication to Lionism will always be remembered.

In August the Lions prepared a luncheon for the staff of the Brackett School system. This luncheon is our way of thanking these dedicated people for the fine job they do with the young people of our community.

In October the Lions sponsored the Kinney County Health Fair at the Civic Center. Over 300 people attended and received flu, pneumonia and tetanus shots, plus many other health oriented services were provided.

This October we will again sponsor the Kinney County Health Fair with a new addition, a mobile eye screening unit staffed with medical personnel able to screen patients for eye diseases and vision problems.

This mobile unit has become a reality due to the hard work and dedication of the Lions in District 2-A2, HEB Corporation and the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio.

In November we had our ever popular pecan sales. It was as usual well received by the community and winter visitors and we were soon sold out.

Before we knew it Christmas holidays were upon us and it was time for the Annual Kinney County Christmas Program. Along with other organizations, business and individuals we were able to provide food, toys and candy to over 100 families.

Food and drinks were served and Voices of the Tabernacle, from the Del Rio Assembly of God Church entertained us with Christmas carols.

In March we had our annual Stride for Sight Walkathon and pancake breakfast. It was a cold misty day but it did not deter the walkers, volunteers or the appetite.

Money collected will benefit research efforts sponsored by the Lions Sight Research Foundation in San Antonio. Also in March we held our every other year Broom & Mop Sale.

These quality made cleaning aids help to provide dignity and security of regular employment for blind citizens.

Through out the year we have supplied glasses to needy students, made donations to needy individuals and organizations and other help as needed. Also this year the Club agreed to become the sponsor for the local Boy Scout Troop.

Once again Little League games have started. The selling of snow cones at the games, by the Lions has been going on for many years. Money earned is donated back to Little League for equipment and other necessities.

If you have not seen a little child's face light up at being served a snow cone come by and visit or better yet stay and help.

Once again the Club has authorized a scholarship for a Brackett high School senior and the recipient will be announced at the graduation ceremonies. Also we are currently selling chances to a Bud Breen painting of the Kinney County Courthouse which will be given away at the Happy Shahan Day Festival on July 20th, 1996.

We are also planning to have a Lions Golf tournament in the late fall.

We held our annual election for officers in April and I agreed to serve another year as president. I will do my best to advance the Brackettville Lions Club and the goodwill of all Lions. In order to achieve all my goals I will need all your help and support.

Domestic Violence Reports Increase In Texas

(Austin, TX) - Domestic violence crimes rose by 5.7% in Texas last year, an increase of 9,253 incidents. In 1995, 172,476 incidents of domestic violence were reported to law enforcement agencies across Texas, compared to 163,223 in 1994.

These figures were reported by the Texas Department of Public Safety (TDPS) last week in its report, Crime in Texas Annual Report: 1995.

"The incidence of reported domestic violence crimes has increased by 39% since 1991, when the TDPS started keeping records on domestic violence," says Lisa McGiffert, Board Chair of the Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV).

"This is a serious issue for the Council, and it should also be important to everyone who is concerned about violent crime in our state."

According to the TDPS, 130 women were killed by their intimate male partners last year in this state. This represents 36% of all women killed in Texas and is higher than the national average of 28%, according to the FBI.

"There has always been a real disparity between the actual incidents of domestic violence and those reported to law enforcement," says McGiffert. One Texas study reports that more than 600,000 women are abused each year.

and that the number of women killed by their intimate male partners will continue to decline," says McGiffert. Several new legal remedies available to battered women were passed by the 74th Texas Legislature and became law last fall, including:

- creating the magistrate's order for emergency protection;
adding enhancements for repeat offenders of protective orders and family violence laws;
requiring that victims be notified when their batterer or stalker has been released from a holding facility or posted bail;
providing battered women with assisted stand-by from law enforcement to collect personal belongings from their home; and
establishing a centralized protective order registry.

"Laws are just the start," says McGiffert. "Too many times, they aren't enforced consistently across the state. To make this happen, we have to train law enforcement, prosecutors, judges, and the entire justice system. We're especially pleased with the new law mandating training for law enforcement officers on investigation and documentation techniques in domestic violence cases."

The Texas Council on Family Violence is a membership organization of the battered women's shelters and battering intervention and prevention programs in Texas. For additional information, contact Christina Walsh at 512/794-1133.



D.A.R.E. Graduation

The fifth grade classes of Mrs. Wardlaw and Mr. Jimenez received their D.A.R.E. graduation certificates on Tuesday, May 14.

These fifth graders have completed 17 weeks of Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) and have made a personal commitment to avoid the pressures to begin using drugs.

The DARE officer Dennis Anderson said that this year has been a good one thanks to all of his DARE students. The students paid attention and participated in all of the activities. I also had excellent cooperation from the teachers, stated Officer Anderson.

Officer Anderson comes to Brackettville every Tuesday and spends one hour with each of the fifth grade classes. The students make a workbook, write an essay on what the DARE program is all about and have lots of interesting discussions.

Officer Anderson usually brings "incentives" to give out to the students who do well. The students received quite a few neat things as graduation gifts.

drawn for prizes including the DARE mascot, kick-balls, basketballs, footballs, and soccer balls.

The graduating students in Mr. Jimenez's class were: Vanessa Castillo, Adam Caton, Amanda Cruz, Jesse Davis, Andrew Durkee, Erica Garza, Eulalio Garza, Victor Hernandez, Jared Hobbs, Elizabeth Jennings, George Martinez, Maria Martinez, Brittany Moore, Laura Negrete, Pedro Pacheco, Mary Rivas, Douglas Sanchez, Jessica Sanchez, Jessica Terrazas, Domingo Villarreal, Tiiara Ward, and Shonte Ward.

These students have done a fine job with the DARE program and we join the entire community in congratulating them.

Super Crossword

- ACROSS 1 Damascus dish 6 Torrid or Frigid 10 Reading matter? 14 "Evita" character 17 Asian peninsula 19 He finishes the cake 20 Steel support 22 Fall behind 23 Resumé accompaniment 25 Hugo hero 27 Compass pt. 28 Wells vegetarians 29 Beyond help 30 "When — Cry" ("84 song) 31 Wise — owl 32 Acted like a chick 35 Actress Moorehead 36 Coze 39 "Pal Joey" author 40 Enter the picture 42 Cowboy 46 Spruce 47 — Cruces, N.M. 50 Silvery-gray

- shade 51 Spur 52 "The Lion King" villain 53 Gave for a while 54 Creepy Christopher 55 "The Jungle Book" bear 56 Does nothing 58 Paul Anka hit 59 Grasso or Raines 61 Wire gauge 62 Inter — 63 Go into a huddle 64 President from New Jersey 69 See 107 Down 72 Med-school subj. 73 Fied 74 Eastern discipline 78 Actor Delon 79 Reno or Jackson 81 Velvety fabric 83 Down in the dumps 84 Bog 85 Accelerated neck out 86 Stuck one's neck out 87 " — Sentimental Mood" 88 Tuck into a

- torte 89 Big rig 90 Bill Holman comic strip 93 Priam's wife 95 Moisten the marigolds 96 Collie's concern 97 Inlay 98 Less benevolent 100 London district 103 Decorate 104 "The — of Adrian Messenger" 105 Celebration 106 Choose, with "for" 109 Religious observances 111 "The Color Purple" actor 115 In accord 116 Mead's milieu 117 "Figlietto" rendition 118 Pilot 119 Ukr., formerly 120 Not any, with "a" 121 Make money 122 Where cats congregate

- DOWN 1 Single step 2 Nutritional need 3 Wash 4 Saperstein or Vigoda 5 Occasions for alarms 6 Rigatoni relative 7 U.N. Day month 8 Society-page word 9 Drop a brick 10 Stimulate 11 Plenty 12 News source 13 Bell and Barker 14 Road arrangement 15 Pluto's place 16 Inflatable items? 18 — breve 21 Very small 24 Years on end 26 " — Lisa" 29 Practice punching 31 Inclined 32 Snapshot 33 Roof edge 34 Poetic preposition 35 On — with (equal to) 36 It'll give you a weigh 37 Art supporter? 38 Merman or Mertz 39 Baltimore batsman

- 85 Clan clash 86 Learning method 89 Hunts like a tripled 90 Ruth's sultanate? 91 Chess piece 92 Triumphant cry 94 Spanish river 97 Barbara and Anthony 99 English-class assignment 100 Usher 101 Gymnast Korbut 102 Turkish treat 103 Commotions 104 — Linda, Calif. 105 Pesky insect 106 Egg-shaped item 107 With 69 Across, "Turn! Turn! Turn!" composer 108 Deck member 109 Rock musician — Hunter 110 Beaver's construction 111 Onassis' nickname 113 Diarist Anais 114 It may be crude

16x16 crossword grid with numbers 1-122.

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Word search grid with letters Y Z O V S P L I E B Y V R E O L I F O C B E Z W T Q N K L K I F C Z B L W U R P M A J B H E C Z S G O X E U R T R S M Q N L J N A O O L G S E E C U Z X V U T R P P B I D N N L F J H B E C U E X M N T Y P O F A Y W O L V R P U P I L S T B R P N U T L K L T A I G E C B Z X O W U C B S S E F F A G R P F O O G O H M L J I G E D B A

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions-forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

- Blooper Blunder Boner Boo-boo Botch Bungle Faux pas Foul-up Fumble Gaffe Goof Mistake Muff Slip-up Stumble

Natasha's Stars



ARIES (March 21 to April 19) An intriguing phone call comes early in the week from a friend you haven't seen in a while. On the job, patience is needed about a career concern. Toward the end of the week, you have some unanswered questions regarding romance.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A burst of intuition comes to you early in the week. Later, you put the finishing touches on a career project which brings much success and recognition. Keep the lines of communication open with a partner over the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A project on the back burner gains new life as the week dawns. While unexpected work developments cause you some worry, they are ultimately to your benefit. The weekend brings extra responsibilities in connection with the home.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Romance is happily highlighted this week. However, a worry crops up in connection with a friendship. As the week winds down, home entertaining isn't particularly favored. A business delay is likely.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You could find yourself investigating a new course of study this week. Later, joining friends at a cultural event proves fun and intellectually stimulating. Over the weekend, you're inclined to worry too much about business.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) As the week begins, concern about a career matter could dim your enthusiasm for the social life. Toward midweek, unexpected financial news comes. Domestic activities keep you busy over the weekend.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You uncover some valuable information about an investment or career matter early in the week. Some who had planned to take a trip now decide against it because it proves a bit too costly. Review finances with your mate over the

weekend. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A loved one is a source of inspiration for you now. Toward midweek, you make social plans involving the children. However, strain exists with an in-law or a friend at a distance, so try to make amends. SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) This is a great week to meet with others for the purpose of reaching agreements. You're cautious where spending is concerned this week and enact a new savings plan. This weekend, loved ones are in sync. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's time for a good look around the house. Perhaps some worn-out furniture needs replacing. Originality is a valuable asset in business this week. However, you have to wait a bit longer about a financial matter. AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You are really on your toes this week and will impress both bigwigs and co-workers. You have a knack for being in the right place at the right time and knowing just what to say. You're also effective with the written word. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) New inspirations come when you can find some time to be alone this week. A minor irritation could arise with a friend over a family matter. If tired after your work week, take it easy and rest.

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Vision Teaser



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Crown is changed. 2. Veil is shorter. 3. Apron is different. 4. Thermal mitten is removed. 5. Glasses are taller. 6. Staircase is added.

THE SPATS by JEFF PICKERING

Three comic panels showing a man and woman talking. Panel 1: 'THIS PLANT MUST BE GETTING OLD...'. Panel 2: '... 'CUZ IT'S GETTING "VARICOSE VINES"'. Panel 3: 'I'M MARRIED TO A REAL "SAP".'.

OUT ON A LIMB by GARY KOPERVAS

Three comic panels showing a man and woman at a table. Panel 1: 'A GOOD IDEA... THE SALAD SHOOTER'. Panel 2: 'A BAD IDEA...'. Panel 3: 'AAAAAAA!!! OOPS! NOW WHO DO YOU SUPPOSE PUT THE SETTING ON HIGH?'.

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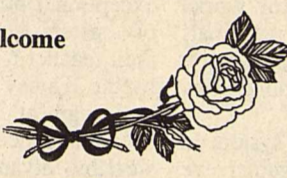
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# Tiger Tracks

## Brackett F.F.A

Tuesday, April 31, the Brackett F.F.A. went to Hondo to attend the annual district convention.

The convention consisted of dinner, a guest speaker, and an awards presentation.

The guest speaker was Tanasea Saathof, an area 7 state official. All of the area F.F.A. groups were recognized, including Brackett's.

"It has been a fun year," Says Ag. Teacher and F.F.A. sponsor John Paul Schuster. "Our kids have done quite a few things to make it a fun year and I am pleased I had the opportunity to work with this fine group of kids."

So until next year, farewell to the F.F.A.

## Brackett F.H.A.

The year is coming to a close and so is the Brackett High School F.H.A. "It's been a good year." Says F.H.A. sponsor and Home Economics teacher, Mary Lee Haby. "I've enjoyed working with this years officers."

This year's officers are as follows: president - Max Mendoza, vice president - Becky Payne, parliamentarian - Cherrise Ward, and secretary - Robert Aguirre. Adios to the 1996 F.H.A.

## High School Honor Roll

### All "A"

J. Wayne Ballew, Amber Davis, Ismael DeHoyos, Francisca Garza, Katy Hagler, Katie Hall, Courtney Harrison, Brian Hooker, Valerie Jimenez, Lindy LaMascus, Tina Meek, Brandy Meeks, David Melancon, Alfred Rodriguez, and Jared Shahan.

### "A" - "B"

Liz Aguirre, Michael Aguirre, Amy Bader, Donna Campos, Heather Corey, Colby Crosby, Caleb Crumley, Josh Crumley, Ramon DeLeon, Alex Ebrahimi, Terry Esparza, Debra Frerich, Denise Frerich, Naiya Garcia, Mary Ann Garza, Kathleen Giessler, Luis Gonzalez, Windy Goodloe, James Hernandez, Kirk Hill, Reccia Jobe, and Crystal Juarez.

### "A" - "B"

Patty Lopez, Baldemar Martinez, Amanda Meek, Michael Meyer, Renee Miller, Amanda Mulvaine, Michael Padron, Samantha Perez, Mandy Petrosky, Lionel Ramos, Michelle Robbins, Aaron Taylor, Casey Tipps, Xavier Toms, and Cherrise Ward.

## Little League Bar-B-Que 1996

The Kinney County Little League Board of Directors would like to thank all who helped and donated to the 1996 bar-b-que. These efforts helped raise over \$1,000 that will be used mainly for insurance, uniforms, and equipment.

The food was great! Cooks include Allen Frerich, Albert Payne, Manuel Pena, Eddie Garza, and Ronnie Hobbs. Meat was donated by Bill & Jack Whitworth, The Randolph Co., Rancho Rio Grande & John Kincaid, Hobbs & Smallwood, Allen Frerich, and Clay Hunt. The rice, potato salad, and trimmings were all made and donated by the parents.

Once again our sincere thanks to all!!



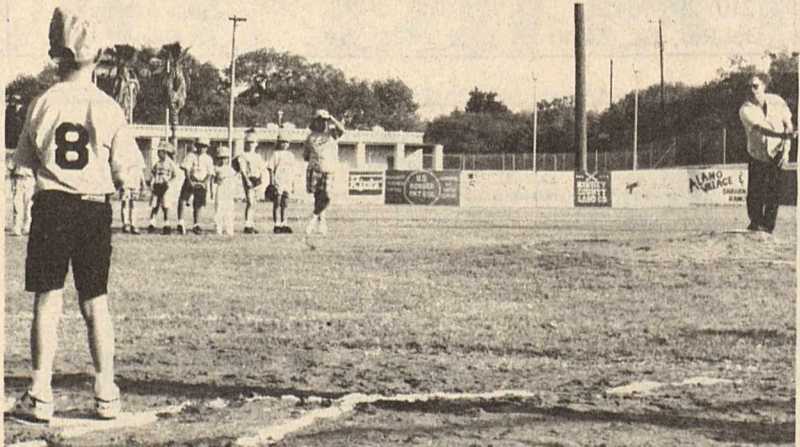
## 1996 Opening Ceremonies For Little League

The 1996 Little League Season opened on Tuesday, April 23, 1996. Opening ceremonies displayed all the boys and girls in their team uniforms singing the National Anthem, then reciting the Little League pledge followed by an individual introduction of each team member. The ceremonies ended with the first pitch thrown by Ray Smallwood and finally our irreplaceable announcer and scorekeeper, Bill Herman declared the start of the 1996 season with "PLAYBALL."

In advance, we would like to thank

all who have and continue to tirelessly contribute their time and efforts to help Little League baseball. Randy Castilla of Professional Lawn Care and his friends helped us mow and prepare the field for opening ceremonies. The local Border Patrol Agents and many community members are again making themselves available to umpire our Little League games. Thanks to you all - Volunteers make Little League a successful program for our local youth.

Please come out and support our youth at the "Ole ballgame."



## 1996 Opening Ceremonies For T-Ball

Kinney County Little League opened the 1996 T-Ball season on Saturday, April 20, 1996. Opening ceremonies preceded the games. The ceremonies included the National Anthem, Little League pledge, an introduction of all players, and the ceremonial "First Pitch." The first pitch for the season was thrown by

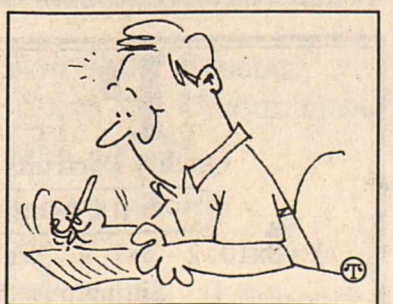
Judge Tommy Seargeant to his grandson, Christopher Seargeant.

Mr. Bill Herman, our outstanding announcer, is back for another year. We hope he realizes how much we all appreciate his time and effort. Please come out and support our most enthusiastic youth for a great way to start a Saturday morning.

## Did You Know?

(NAPS)—To make a hot fudge sundae, place a scoop of vanilla ice cream in a parfait glass, microwave a top quality fudge, such as Mrs. Richardson's regular or fat free Hot Fudge and pour about a tablespoon of it over the ice cream. Add another scoop and one or two more tablespoons of fudge. Top with whipped cream and nuts.

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## MAKING A DIFFERENCE

By TAYLOR STEPHENSON, BISD Curriculum Director

The elections are over! Steve LaMascus and Jim W. Bader were elected by patrons of the Brackett School District. We all look to their leadership as we seek to work for the children of Brackett ISD. It's LaMascus' first three year term on the school board. Bader is completing his 10th year and has been elected for another term. The Board reorganization went this way:

President Jim W. Bader  
Vice President Gloria Garcia  
Secretary Darlene Shahan

During these times of transition in school administration, it's reassuring for the Board to work as a unit. That doesn't mean that there will not be differences of opinion. It's healthy to have some differences as long as the group determines its direction and moves as a unit after the debate. I believe this will happen. I'll miss Jim McDaniel. He has always been positive and has been a problem solver. Jim believes that Kinney County is the best place in the world to live.

Roy Rokovich has been working hard to help me hold things together at Jones Elementary. We have a seasoned faculty there, and Roy works well with them. Our new principal, Michael Schooler will be on the job the last week of school beginning May 27.

We have a fine school system in Brackettville. Working together, we can be even better. There's room for your opinion. I hope that you will express it. We will try to listen.

The weather has been as hot as the pace, and the pace has been tough for the Juniors and Seniors.

The Junior Senior Prom was this past Saturday night. To the Junior Class and those adult volunteers who helped put this magnificent event on, the community says THANKS! The decorations were outstanding. The young men and women who attended

were well behaved and dressed up big time for the occasion. They really looked nice as they gathered at Fort Clark's Town Hall for the evening this past Saturday night. The Town Hall is a perfect place for a gala event. The school community is grateful to FCS for the use of the facility.

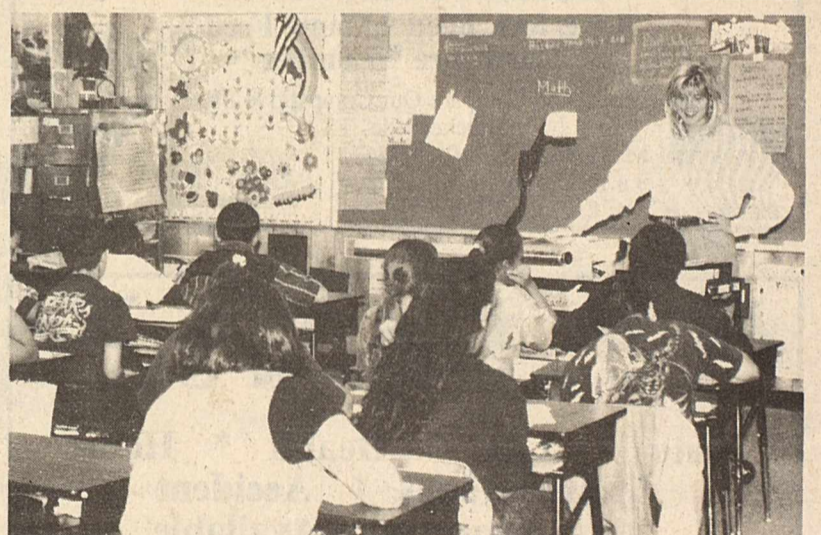
Mother's Day was a good one. Our church changed the first hymn to "Faith of Our Mothers". It worked fine. My Mother in law, Abbie, is here from Denver visiting. She played the piano at church for years, but has been away from piano for the past few years. So, she played and played...and got better and better. You know, a person who can play the piano is so appreciated in small communities. We have enjoyed her visit.

I had hoped that I would have time to interview Windy Goodloe and Dee Curry this week. They are busy moving in different directions from mine. So, it will have to wait another week. Windy won 2nd in the State UIL competition in Poetry Reading. Next week, I hope.

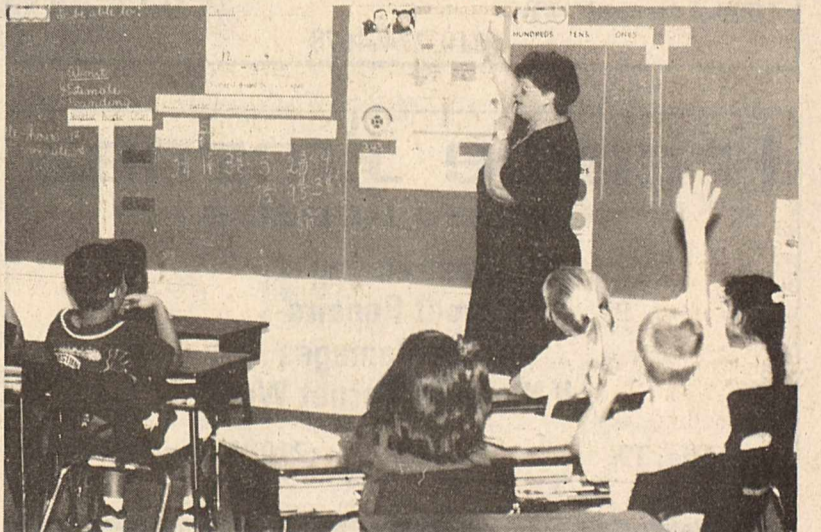
The concert at the Cavalry Room, Fort Clark Springs, looks to be an exceptional program. It's given by two sisters from Eagle Pass and by their teacher. The concert sponsored by the Kinney County Arts Council will begin at 3:00 on Sunday, May 19. The concert faire includes classical by Silvana and Silvia and jazz improvisation by their teacher, Valeri Grokhovski. It will be an outstanding program. I hope you will make a special effort to attend.

That's all. The weather is supposed to be hot all week. Remember, this time of the year problems seem to get bigger than they really are. If it's a school problem, talk to the teacher. Principals and Superintendent are there to help resolve problems after the teachers have had a chance to work out the problem. Have a good week!

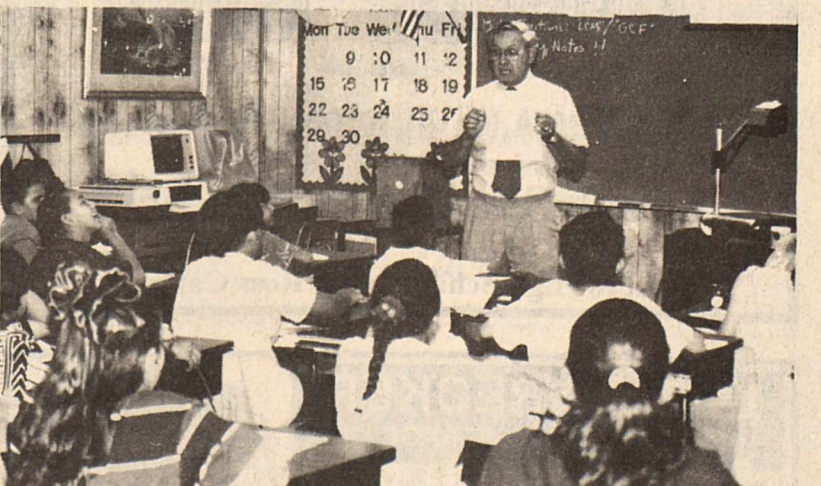
On April 27, the Brackett PTO sponsored a Bake Sale for a very special lady that has been diagnosed with cancer. Mrs. Jones was forced to retire from her teaching position, which she loved very much because of her health. I would like to thank the community for helping Mrs. Bonnie Jones in her time of need. I'm sure that I speak for her and her family when I offer this "THANK YOU" from the bottom of my heart. We miss seeing your cheerful smile at school Mrs. Jones Honey Bee Gomez - PTO Vice President



5th Graders taking the TAAS



3rd Graders hard at work on the TAAS



5th Graders "Doing their Best to Ace the test."

## TAAS 1996

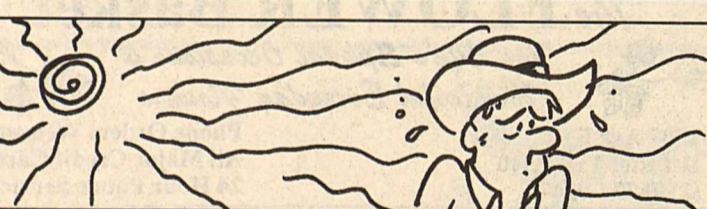
The elementary students from the third grade through the fifth grade worked very hard to prepare themselves for the TAAS test they took on April 30, 1996 and May 1, 1996. Please take the time to give them a "pat on the back" for all their hard work.

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3. Two Toasts, Fruit Or Juice  
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Breakfast Menu	Lunch Menu
FRIDAY, MAY 17 NO SCHOOL	FRIDAY, MAY 17 NO SCHOOL
MONDAY, MAY 20 Pizza Bagel Fruit Or Fruit Juice	MONDAY, MAY 20 BBQ Beef On A Bun Veggie Stks Peanut Butter Cup Potato Rounds Fruit
TUESDAY, MAY 21 Orange Coconut Breakfast Cake Fruit Or Fruit Juice	TUESDAY, MAY 21 Pizza Wedge Veggie Salad W/Dressing Fruit
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 Pancake Syrup Fruit Or Fruit Juice	WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 Hamburger Burger Salad French Fries Fruit
THURSDAY, MAY 23 Crunchy French Toast Syrup Fruit Or Fruit Juice	THURSDAY, MAY 23 Enchiladas Spanish Rice Pinto Beans Blueberry Crisp

It's that time

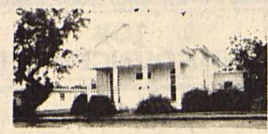


**First Baptist Church**  
Rev. Gil Ash, Pastor  
"The Pastor's Pen"

A minister was asked to preach one Sunday at a church that had a reputation for being particularly tight-fisted when it came to financially supporting their church. After the sermon, he passed his hat for the offering. It came back empty. Just to make sure, he tipped it upside down and shook it, but nothing dropped out. "Now let us give thanks," he said to the curious congregation. They wondered what he could possibly give thanks about.

"I thank Thee, Lord," prayed the pastor, "That I got my hat back!" Sometimes it seems that there is nothing we could possibly give thanks for. We feel battered and beaten by life. We perhaps are concentrating on the things we want in life and don't have. But we probably ought to be thankful for the things that we don't have...and don't want either. "In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

**First United Methodist Church**



Rev. Sheree Harris, Pastor

I went to my first-ever piano recital today. (Guess who was playing in his first-ever recital). It was a heartening experience to say the least. I was so proud of all those children and youth. Dressed in their Sunday best, one-by-one, they walked down the long aisle of the large full sanctuary, took their seat on the bench and positioned their hands. With all eyes riveted on them, they began to play, some pieces from memory some with music. That took courage. Ironically, part of the reason they had that courage was all those eyes watching them. Those eyes were smiling, emanating love and encouragement and confidence. Every once in a while a budding Beethoven cast a nervous glance from the keyboard to the audience to make sure that certain someone was still watching. It's truly amazing what a loving encouraging community can do. It can give us the courage and confidence to dream, to take risks, to learn, to fly!

Maybe that's one reason God created us to be in community. God created us male and female, the Exodus was en masse, and Jesus sent the disciples out two by two. Several minds are sharper than one, several bodies are stronger than one, several souls can soar higher than one. What a gift we have in and with each other! I wonder what the world would be like — what we would be like — if one day we all woke up and looked at each other the way that audience looked at those young pianists. In that sanctuary, even though occasionally the beat was off and the key was wrong, there were no failures. Every performance was a success because together we made a joyful noise unto the Lord. This week, make a joyful noise — to God and to someone else. Offer a word of congratulations or encouragement or grace. They'll be glad you did. So will you. God Bless.

**Gateway Ministries**

Charolette Corey

ANGER!!! - "...the negative emotion we feel when a person or situation has failed to meet our needs, blocked our goals, or fallen short of our expectations." This issue is one of the most destructive forces in our world today and destroys people's minds, wills, emotions and finally their bodies. The previously quoted statement is from an excellent book called "Love Is A Decision" by Gary Smalley with John Trent and includes "proven techniques to keep your marriage alive and lively, the art of meaningful conversation, how to energize your mate in 60 seconds, the surprising key to satisfying sex, and the secret of a close-knit family." Many of the basic principles discussed in this book may be successfully applied by single persons to friendship relationships as well as for married couples. The premise that "negative" anger destroys is based on the book "Happiness Is A Choice" by Paul Meier and Frank Minirth who wrote about the fact that "your body can easily release as many chemicals and disrupt as many bodily functions when you are angry with your spouse as if you're being attacked by a wild animal." Stress from this constant attack or unresolved "negative" anger can cause such things as clinical depression, colitis, bleeding ulcers, anxiety attacks, lowered resistance to colds and flu, and heart and respiratory failure. Even anger causing cancer is addressed in Albert A. Kurtland's book "Biochemical and Emotional Interaction in the Etiology of Cancer". This anger is often triggered by several things, a few of which may be ... "speaking harsh words, belittling a person's opinions, being unwilling to admit we've been wrong, taking a person for granted, making jokes or sarcastic comments at the other person's expense, not trusting a person, forcing a person to do something he's uncomfortable with, being rude to that person in front of others, ignoring a person's genuine needs as unimportant or not nearly as valuable as our own"... All causing a person's spirit to close up which also closes up one's soul and body to others. In actuality the body turns on itself and starts punishing itself for "not measuring up" to others standards and views itself as something or someone of "no value". This is where God's "agape" love steps in and shows the person that each one is "a pearl of great price". Jesus has paid the ultimate price for you, he paid for you with his own life. You have been bought by someone who loves you so dearly, he gave up his own life for to die a horrendous death on the cross after first being beaten to a pulp, his beard being yanked out of the skin of his face, needles of thorns jammed in his head, the skin of his back being ripped off down to the very bone by a "cat-o-nine-tails" whip, spit upon, mocked, and then stripped naked to hang on this cross having been completely free of sin, but having been made sin so to show you just how far he would go to prove how much he loves you. Of course, when he born all that sin on his body (every sinful

thing you've done or thought) so that you wouldn't have to carry it around yourself, he overcame death and the grave, even taking the sting of death with him. This was all done so that his loving desire for us to be healthy and happy and loved would be fulfilled. To do this, it takes holding his loving hand daily and allowing his strength and compassion to flow from him, through us, and into the lives of others around us. The joy that he gives us, we are to share with others. This is where "righteous anger" comes in. That is to say, we get angry about those things that come against the love of God, those things which work to destroy the body that God gave each of us, those things which sneak in to destroy loving relationships, and seek to divide all people in this world, all those things which are contrary to the living word of God. This is to say we take authority over our emotions, deal with the problems and "let not the sun go down upon our anger". God tells us "Be angry", but don't stay angry. Anger is healthy in that it is a signal fire that something is major wrong with the situation. God tells us to love each other. Even when people hurt us and we believe we are in the right and that we are justified in our anger. The only way to release ourselves, and to bless (instead of punish ourselves) is to forgive the other person involved. (Not necessarily condoning the evil act, but separating the person from the act and lovingly forgiving the person.) Once this is established, then one must acknowledge that in judging the person, you judged God and basically have said in your heart "If you are God, why did you let this happen to me?" And thus are accusing God of not loving you or not being able to be a sovereign God. We sometimes forget that in His love, He did not make us puppets, but gave to each person a "free will" that allows us to CHOOSE TO LOVE HIM AND OTHERS. Making the right choices in our lives brings us health. When we operate in God's "agape" love, then we have strength of character not only to forgive, but also to be strong enough to ask for forgiveness from the ones we've caused to close up their spirits. We can be a vessel of blessing to help them live longer, and prosper by helping them deal with the anger that they are holding into themselves against you. Either way, it is a WIN, WIN SITUATION WHEN WE ACTIVATE THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS IN OUR LIVES. This not only includes forgiving God for things that were in another person's controlling choice, but also FORGIVING ONE'S SELF for choosing to think the wrong thoughts and making the wrong choices. LOVE YOURSELF, YOU, TOO, ARE WORTH LOVING, remember, YOU... ARE THE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE. It's your choice. Stand In Faith Rest In Hope Walk In Love



**Frontier Baptist Church**  
Rev. Joe Townsend, Pastor

Mother's Day was commemorated Sunday at Frontier Baptist Church. A corsage was presented to Fran Lundquist as the youngest mother present. A corsage was presented to Loraine Lundquist as the mother with the most children. A corsage was presented to Oleta Townsend as the oldest mother present. The Scripture for the morning was from the last chapter of Proverbs. There is found a description of a good woman. There is no greater calling for any woman than motherhood. The unfortunate few who cannot bear children miss out on the greatest blessings of life. A good mother must be a great concern. She must always be concerned about her children. This concern goes far beyond concern for the feeding and clothing of the children. It reaches to concern for every facet of life. This concern engulfs the behavior, education and morals of the child. A woman who is not deeply concerned about these important parts of life denigrates the responsibility of motherhood. Motherhood denotes constancy. Motherhood is a 24 hour responsibility from the cradle to maturity. Motherhood does not allow for relaxing of responsibility for a single moment. The basic trait of motherhood is love. Love for herself demands she do her best for herself so she can do her best for her children. Her love for her children demands she go to the utmost to meet their needs. It's not enough to meet the needs of the body, clothing, food and physical comfort. Far more important are the needs of the spirit and soul. The need for someone to have faith in, someone to have confidence in, someone whose love exhibits care every moment; these are the real needs. It is not love to allow a child to do anything he wants to do. It is not love to give a child everything he wants. It is not love to treat a child as equal to a parent. These are cop-outs. It's more important that a child recognize mother as parent than as a perennial Santa Clause. Love is sometimes tough. It may sometimes be heartbreaking but the results hold great rewards. True love looks to the far reaching results, not the easy way out for the moment. The world will be radically changed when motherhood is exalted as it should be by mothers and their children.

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**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**

Pastor Nathan LaFrenz

During the past couple of weeks I have enjoyed watching TNT's presentation of Moses. I especially was intrigued by Ben Kingsley's portrayal of Moses as a humble shepherd who resisted God's call to liberate the Hebrew people from slavery and oppression in Egypt. TNT portrayed Moses as a humble shepherd, who preferred shepherding his flock of sheep and goats over the rough and tumble politics of Egypt. Moses showed little interest in prestige and power politics, preferring to tend his flock. Yet Moses ultimately did respond to God's call to be His instrument of liberation, delivering the Hebrew people out of their slavery in Egypt. Power and prestige, although avoided by Moses, is a trap that ensnares many a political or religious leader. Humility and servanthood, qualities of a shepherd, are qualities of tremendous value to a pastor as she or he shepherd their flocks. At seminary I was certainly fortunate to be required to take a course on Philipians 2:1-11, a class required of all seniors returning from internship. This study of Philipians 2:1-11, brought many on intern with an inflated sense of self-worth down to earth. Philipians 2-1-11 reminds us that even though Christ always had the nature of God, he did not think that by force he should try to become equal with God. Instead by his own free will he gave up all he had, taking the nature of a servant, became man, and humbled himself in obedience unto death on the cross. Humility and servanthood certainly describe the life of an impor-

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**St. John's Baptist Church**

Pastor Wm. P. Adams, Sr.  
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Beloved, if GOD so loved us, we ought also to love one another. No man hath seen GOD at any time. If we love one another, GOD dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. By this know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. Whosoever shall confess that JESUS is the Son of GOD, GOD dwelleth in him, and he in GOD.

And we have known and believed the love that GOD hath to us. GOD is love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in GOD and GOD in him. Here in is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. John 4:11-17 Praise God  
St. John B/C  
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Church Ph. 210-563-2582  
Come feast with us in the LORD the table is set.

**Charles D. "Buddy" Clark Re-Elected To Texas State Soil And Water Conservation Board**

Temple -- Charles D. "Buddy" Clark of Menard, Texas was re-elected May 7, to serve a two-year term on the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB). Clark represents State District Two which consists of 51 counties in the Hill Country to the Western and Trans-Pecos region of the state. State District Two encompasses 44 soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs). The TSSWCB's chief responsibility is to coordinate the programs of Texas' 214 SWCDs. In addition, the TSSWCB is the lead agency in Texas for programs relating to abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint source pollution. Unlike many state agencies and commissions whose policy making

bodies are gubernatorial appointees, the TSSWCB consists of five elected members who must be landowners and actively engaged in farming or ranching. TSSWCB members are elected in a convention type election by SWCD directors in the State District the TSSWCB member represents. Clark is a former president of the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts. He has also served on the Board of Directors of the Menard County Soil and Water Conservation District for 18 years. Clark also served on the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) Great Plains Committee and on the NACD Public Lands, Pasture and Range Committee. The TSSWCB member ranches near Menard, Texas.

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Les Roper, a very active member of our community, will be on the Today Show Friday, May 17th. Les' spot will air somewhere between 7:23 A.M. and 8:30 A.M. on the NBC station. Les is the spokesman for the First Baptist Church in Del Rio. The TV spot is to commemorate the Centennial anniversary of the Church.

Ann Young asked Les to do the spot. She said, "I really wanted Les to do this because he is such a professional". Ann has worked with Les before in several movies and said he is a perfect example of the Texas cowboy. The only thing was, when it was time for us to do the show...Les forgot his cowboy hat! He still made a great cowboy, even without his hat.

**Church Directory**

- St. Andrews Episcopal Church: Henderson & Fort Sunday Church Service 10:30 a.m. 563-2071.
- Frontier Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): Sunday Services 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., Joe Townsend, Pastor, 563-2158.
- First Baptist Church (A Southern Baptist Church): 307 N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m., and 7:00 p.m., Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m., Gil Ash, Pastor, 563-2245.
- Baptist Hispanic Mission: 307 N. Ann Street, Sunday 9:45 a.m.; Wednesday 5:30 p.m.; Friday, 6:00 p.m., Eugenio Duran, Pastor.
- Church of Christ: N. Ann St., Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship Service 10:30 a.m., Bible Study Sunday 6:30 p.m., Wednesday 6:30 p.m.
- St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church: Sun. Masses at 8:00 A.M. (Spanish) and 10:30 A.M. (English); Mon., Thurs. and Fri. Mass at 7:00 AM; Wed. Mass 6:30 P.M., Religion Classes Wed. 4:00 and 7:00 PM; Sat. Rosary 7:30 AM, Sat. Mass 8:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Confession Wed. & Sat. 5:30 PM, Rev. Donald R. Lavelle, C.M.F.
- St. Blaise Catholic Church: Sun. Mass 12:30 noon. Adult Catholic Explanation and Convert Classes Thurs. 7:00 PM Rev. Donald R. Lavelle, C.M.F.
- First United Methodist Church: "Celebrate and Witness" Fellowship 9:30 a.m., Church School Classes 9:45 a.m., Service of Worship 11:00 a.m., Choir Rehearsal Wednesday 5:00 p.m., Sheree Harris, Pastor.
- St. John's Baptist Church: Crockett at Keene St., Sunday School 10:00 a.m., Worship 11:00 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Worship Thursday 7:00 p.m., William P. Adams, Sr., Pastor, 563-9175.
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Congregation E.L.C.A.: Henderson and Fort St., Sunday 9:00 a.m. Worship, Bible Study every other Sunday 10:00 a.m., Rev. Nathan LaFrenz, 563-2047.
- Templo Elim Asambea de Dios: North Street, Sunday 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Wednesday and Friday, 7:00 p.m., Rev. Abundio Mancha, Pastor, 563-9237.
- Gateway Ministries (Non-Denominational): 301 E. Spring St. (across from post office), Praise & Worship Fellowship Sunday 10:00 a.m., Bible Study Wednesday 6:30 p.m., Robert W. Corey, Pastor, Charolette Corey, Associate Pastor, 563-9331.
- New Jerusalem Temple Apostolic Church: 514 E. Louise St, Sunday School 10:30, Church 11:30, Bible Study: Wed. 7 p.m., Mission: 3rd Thurs. of each month 6 p.m. Pastor Rudy Goodloe (563-9468)

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